



# ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

**Release Date:** June 2, 2005  
**Release Number:** ND-05-24a

**Contact:** Nadine Phillips, (701) 239-5131 ext. 208  
**E-mail:** [nadine.phillips@sba.gov](mailto:nadine.phillips@sba.gov)

## ***FARGO HEARING OFFERS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS EXCESSIVE FEDERAL REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT***

<b>WHO:</b>	<b>Peter Sorum, Senior Advisor to the SBA National Ombudsman</b> , members of the Regional Regulatory Fairness Board for Region VIII from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming and representatives of federal regulatory agencies will hear concerns, comments and complaints about federal regulatory enforcement and compliance. Small business owners, representatives of community organizations and trade associations, and community and business leaders are invited to testify about compliance and enforcement of regulations by federal agencies.
<b>WHAT:</b>	To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among federal agencies and small businesses, Congress has directed the SBA and the National Ombudsman to hold Regulatory Fairness hearings. Concerns and complaints aired at this hearing will be directed to the appropriate federal regulatory agency. Testimonies gathered at these hearings are also reported to Congress.
<b>WHEN:</b>	Tuesday, June 28, 2005 9:00 a.m. to Noon
<b>WHERE:</b>	NDSU Research & Technology Park 1735 NDSU Research Park Drive, Room 148 Fargo, North Dakota

**Anyone desiring confidentiality may request that his or her name not be released and may submit written testimony in lieu of a public appearance at the hearing.**

Any small business concerned about excessive enforcement of federal regulations can contact their local SBA district office or the National Ombudsman at 888-REG-FAIR (888-734-3247) or go to the National Ombudsman Web site at [www.sba.gov/ombudsman](http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman). **For more information on the June 28, 2005 Regulatory Fairness Hearing, contact the SBA in North Dakota at (701) 239-5131.**

###